Yolo County Flood Control &
Water Conservation District

Board Meeting
34274 State Highway 16
Woodland, CA 95695
Tuesday, November 3, 2026
3:00 P.M.

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AGENDA

3:00	1.	Call Meeting to Order and Open forum (Limited to five minutes): Guest introductions, unscheduled appearances, opportunity for public comment on non-agenda items
3:03	2.	Consideration: Adding Items to the Posted Agenda To add an item to the agenda, it must fit one of the following categories: a) A majority determination that an emergency (as defined by the Brown Act) exists; or b) A 4/5ths determination of need to take action subsequent agenda posting.
3:05	3.	CONSENT AGENDA: a) Consideration: Adoption of the October Board Meeting Minutes b) Consideration: Reschedule December Board Meeting to December 8
3:08	4.	Presentation: Update on the Yolo-Zamora Area
3:25	5.	Presentation: YSGA Update
3:40	6.	Director's Report: Report on meetings and conferences attended
3:45	7.	General Manager's Report: Report regarding current general activities and projects of the District a) Operations, Maintenance, and Water Conditions b) Financial Report

c) Capital Improvement Program
d) General Activities
e) Upcoming Events

4:00 8. General Discussion: Opportunity for clarification or additional information request

4:05 9. Consideration: Consider Approval of Payment of Bills

4:10 10. Closed Session: Bay-Delta

Closed session conference with legal counsel for existing administrative proceeding and anticipated litigation/significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9, subsections (d)(1) and (d)(2) – State Water Resources Control Board Bay/Delta Plan update proceeding.

5:00 11. Adjourn

The public may address the Board concerning an agenda item either before or during the Board's consideration of that agenda item. Public comment on items within the Board's jurisdiction is welcome, subject to reasonable time limits for each speaker. Upon request, agenda items may be moved up to accommodate those in attendance wishing to address that item. Times listed for consideration of agenda items are approximate only. The Board may consider any agenda item at any time during the Board meeting.

I declare that the foregoing agenda was posted at the office of the Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, CA on October 30, 2026.

By:

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Kristin Sicke, General Manager

YOLO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: November 3, 2026 ITEM #: 3

CONSENT AGENDA

a) Consideration: Adoption of October 6 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
b) Consideration: Reschedule the December Board Meeting

INITIATED OR REQUESTED BY: [ ] BOARD [X] STAFF [ ] OTHER _____

COORDINATED OR APPROVED BY: Kristin Sicke

ATTACHMENT [X] YES [ ] NO [ ] DIRECTION

[ ] INFORMATION [X] ACTION: [X] MOTION [ ] RESOLUTION

BACKGROUND:

a) Consideration: Adoption of the October 6 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Pursuant to Section 54957.5 of the Brown Act, copies of the draft minutes are available to the public on the District's website and at the District office prior to their approval.

In advance of the Board meeting, staff request the Directors notify staff if a correction is needed in the draft minutes to clarify a substantial point or to correct content. Staff will make the appropriate change(s) and submit the revised draft for review to the Board and the public at the meeting.

b) Consideration: Reschedule December 1, 2026 Board Meeting

The December Board meeting is currently scheduled for Tuesday, December 1, 2026 and needs to be rescheduled because of the ACWA Fall 2026 Conference to Tuesday, December 8.

RECOMMENDATION:

District staff recommend the Board

a) Adopt the attached October 6 Regular Board Meeting minutes with any corrections.
b) Reschedule the December meeting to Tuesday, December 8, 2026.

YOLO COUNTY
FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, October 6, 2026, 3:00 PM

YCFC&WCD Offices
34274 State Highway 16
Woodland, CA 95695

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District (District) was held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, October 6, 2026 at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Chair Kimball convened the meeting. The following people were in attendance:

District Board
Mary Kimball, Chair
Lee Smith
Tom Barth
Shane Tucker

District Staff
Kristin Sicke, General Manager
Erik Cadaret, Assistant General Manager
Anthony Lopez, Facilities Supervisor
Kimberly Villa, Finance Director
Geoff Klein, O&M Superintendent

Members of the Public
Lynne Haralson
Duane Chamberlain
Maddie Munson
Erica Pastor (Eide Bailly, Auditor)

1. OPEN FORUM
None

2. CONSIDERATION: Adding Items to the Posted Agenda

There were no items to add to the agenda.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Adoption of September 1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

There was no discussion on this item.

M/S/C approved the Consent Agenda.

Ayes: Directors Kimball, Smith, Barth, and Tucker
Noes: None
Absent: Director Mayer
Abstain: None

4. CONSIDERATION: Review of Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Independent Audit

Erica Pastor, CPA and Managing Director of Eide Bailly, reviewed the requirements for an independent audit (Audit) and stated that the Audit resulted in a clean unqualified report for the District. She then reviewed the highlights of Fiscal Year (FY) 2025/2026 Audit, including any significant changes from FY 2024/2025. Pastor reported there were no material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, or compliance exceptions, and that there were no difficulties in completing the audit.

Director Tucker asked a question about the depreciating asset results. Pastor and Finance Director Villa clarified the discrepancies are related to the inputs and outputs and associated assumptions.

Sicke thanked Pastor and Villa for a smooth and efficient audit process.

Director Barth asked about the District's audit firm selection and cycle process and Villa reported on the frequency of selecting auditors.

District staff recommended the Board accept the filing of the FY 2025/2026 Independent Audit.

M/S/C accepted the filing of the FY 2025/2026 Independent Audit.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Smith, and Tucker
Noes: None
Absent: Director Mayer
Abstain: None

5. PRESENTATION: YSGA Update

Assistant General Manager Cadaret presented a YSGA activity update covering upcoming outreach, County well-ordinance actions, grant implementation, the 2027 Periodic Evaluation, and work-plan and staffing updates.

Upcoming Meetings

The October calendar was presented as follows:

October 8: County Ag Well Moratorium Working Group
October 14: YSGA Executive Committee
October 15: Groundwater Demand Management Workshop (NCWA)
October 20: Sac Valley Flood Diversion Recharge Enhancement Working Group (DWR/NCWA)

County Agricultural Well Moratorium

The Yolo County Board of Supervisors voted in support of two measures: 1) new agricultural wells must be constructed meter-ready so a flow meter can be installed, positioning the County and YSGA to measure extractions if that becomes necessary, and 2) an interim urgency ordinance extension the agricultural well permit moratorium until August 25, 2027. The County Ag Well Moratorium Working Group meets October 8 where the YSGA anticipates answering data-related groundwater questions and concerns from the community.

Grant Projects

The SGMA Implementation Grant is $7,917,000 through April 2027. About $5,630,048 has been expended or obligated, leaving $2,286,952 (29 percent). The WaterSMART grant is $400,000 through September 2026 and is complete, with the full award expended or obligated.

Component 2 (Subbasin-wide)

Annual reports for WY 2022–2025 are complete and submitted to DWR, and the final fee study report is complete. The 2027 Periodic Evaluation public draft is posted; comments are due Sunday, November 8, 2026, with adoption and submittal on schedule for January 2027. The evaluation covers WY 2019–WY 2024 and finds no undesirable results for chronic lowering of groundwater levels and reduction of storage, water quality, land subsidence, or depletion of interconnected surface water. Minimum thresholds for levels and storage are set to protect 95 percent of wells. Water quality had some measurable-objective exceedances but no minimum-threshold exceedances. Subsidence rates rose in parts of the subbasin during the WY 2020–2022 drought but generally stayed within InSAR error (0.066 ft/yr). Lower Cache Creek showed the most variable interconnected-surface-water depletion and recovery. Near-term work includes additional monitoring, continued projects, a demand-management framework, proactive recharge planning, expanded water-quality sampling (arsenic, boron, hexavalent chromium, and nitrate), coordination on subsidence and critical infrastructure, and filling interconnected-surface-water data gaps. The draft Hungry Hollow white paper (water budget and on-farm guidance) was circulated for comments. On September 2 the Hungry Hollow Groundwater Working Group began planning white-paper projects, prioritizing conjunctive use, boron assessment, on-farm rainfall infiltration, a voluntary drought response plan, and greater recharge participation. The following Component 2 deliverables remain in progress: 1) groundwater model enhancement, 2) GSP interconnected-surface-water technical memos, 3) monitoring website interface upgrade, and 4) the groundwater-dependent ecosystem survey.

Component 3 (District recharge)

The State Water Board accepted the District's long-term permit application on August 18, 2026.

Landowner agreements, flooded-field documentation, and automatic gate installations are complete. The monitoring and assessment plan is in draft. The on-farm recharge annual report, long-term farm-field recharge guide, and outreach materials are in progress. Sicke and Cadaret toured recharge operations in the Santa Ana River watershed – San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District, Chino Basin Water Conservation District, and Orange County Water District – and found that recharge and habitat enhancement is well suited to support Endangered Species Act areas.

YSGA Work Plan and Staff

In response to the June 1, 2026 RFQ, YSGA received 16 statements of qualification (SOQ) representing 22 firms. Staff drafted an SOQ selection memo on how submittals were evaluated and which firms are recommended for FY 26/27 work, and is refining the FY 26/27 work plan, including pursuit of grant funds. The District's new Outreach and PR Specialist will lead YSGA and District outreach. Candidates for Project Hydrogeologist are being interviewed this week, with the goal of filling the position before the end of 2026.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

- Chair Kimball attended the *YSGA Hungry Hollow Groundwater Working Group Meeting* and the *Lower Putah Creek Coordinating Committee Meeting* with Director Mayer.
- Director Smith attended the *YSGA Board Meeting* and the *SWRCB Bay-Delta Plan related Meetings* with SWRCB Board members.
- Director Barth attended the *YSGA Board Meeting* and *YSGA Hungry Hollow Groundwater Working Group Meeting.*
- Director Tucker had nothing to report.

7. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Sicke provided reports on the following:

a) Operations, Maintenance, and Water Conditions: an overview of current water conditions as of October 6, 2026:
   - Clear Lake is currently at 2.28 feet Rumsey. Cache Creek Dam irrigation releases are approximately 390 cfs. District has full allocation for this irrigation season and started irrigation releases on April 3.
   - Indian Valley Reservoir is currently at ~203,300 AF of storage. Indian Valley Reservoir irrigation releases are 11 cfs for environmental flows.
   - Diverting 175 cfs into the Winters Canal and 120 cfs into the West Adams Canal. Currently staff are discussing closure of the canal headgates on October 8.
   - Sicke reviewed 2026 water sales which we anticipate will total 110,000 AF which is ~23,000 AF less than last year. Director Smith suggested staff should investigate the conveyance losses to sales to optimize the cutoff date for irrigation season.
   - Sicke reviewed El Niño conditions and updated climate model predictions.
   - Current groundwater level of the headquarters' well was also reviewed.

b) Financial Report Summary – Sicke provided an update on the District's finances as of September 30, 2026, which is five months into Fiscal Year 2026/2027.

c) Capital Improvement Program – no updates were provided on CIP during this item, but there was an update on the District's Healthy Rivers and Landscapes concept proposal and Bay-Delta plan process update.

d) General Activities – A list of outreach activities and projects (in-house and coordinated with other agencies) was reviewed.
- YSGA: Hungry Hollow Groundwater Working Group Meeting (September 2)
- YSGA: Yolo County Ag Well Working Group Meeting (September 3)
- Groundwater Recharge Basins: Southern California Site Visits (September 8-9)
- Recharge Readiness Webinar (September 10)
- Lower Putah Creek Coordinating Council (September 10)
- YSGA Executive Committee Meeting (September 11)
- Yolo Land Trust A Day in the Country (September 13)
- ACWA Region 4 Board of Directors Meeting (September 14)
- NCWA Groundwater Task Force Meeting (September 14)
- NCWA Water Stewardship Colloq. Metropolitan Water District Visit (Sept. 15-16)
- CCC: Watershed Educational Tour at Capay Diversion Dam (Sept. 18)
- YSGA Board of Directors Meeting (September 21)
- YSGA: Napa-Yolo-Solano Groundwater Coordination Meeting (September 22)
- ACWA Projects of Statewide Significance Task Force Meeting (September 23)
- ACWA Board of Directors Workshop and Meeting (September 24-25)
- GRA Western Groundwater Congress (September 28-30)
- California Water Plan 2028: Groundwater Recharge Wkg. Group Meeting (October 1)

e) The following upcoming events were announced:
- YSGA: Yolo County Ag Well Working Group Meeting (October 8)
- District Farmers Council Meeting (October 14)
- YSGA Executive Committee Meeting (October 14)
- NCWA Demand Management in the Sacramento Valley Workshop (October 15)
- NCWA Harvest Celebration (October 15)
- DWR/NCWA Sacramento Valley Flood Diversion Recharge Events (October 20)
- ACWA GM Advisory Group Meeting (October 26)
- State Water Board Bay-Delta Plan Hearing (October 29-30)
- ACWA State Legislative Committee Meeting (October 29)
- ACWA Region 4 Tour: Putah Creek Healthy Rivers & Landscapes Program (Nov. 4)
- ACWA Fall Conference (December 1-3)

8. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Chamberlain asked about Sites Reservoir. Sicke shared the water right hearing is scheduled for early November.

O&M Superintendent Klein discussed Yolo County RCD's pump testing program and possible future grant funding. Klein also mentioned that USDA grants for farmers close on November 6.

Director Tucker requested that staff continue to update the Board on the process of developing an annexation policy for new surface water connections.

Chair Kimball requested that staff continue to plan for a Board retreat to discuss finance strategic planning for capital projects.

9. CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills

M/S/C approved the following claims for payment – Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Checks #65567-65571 & E503-509.

Ayes: Directors Barth, Kimball, Smith, and Tucker
Noes: None
Absent: Director Mayer
Abstain: None

10. Closed Session: Potential Litigation

Closed session conference legal counsel – significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code § 54956.9: one case.

Closed Session Report: Chair Kimball reported that legal counsel, the Directors, General Manager Sicke, and Assistant General Manager Cadaret participated in the closed session item and that there was nothing to report.

11. CLOSED SESSION: Bay-Delta

Closed session conference with legal counsel for existing administrative proceeding and anticipated litigation/significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9, subsections (d)(1) and (d)(2) – State Water Resources Control Board Bay/Delta Plan update proceeding.

Closed Session Report: Chair Kimball reported that legal counsel, the Directors, General Manager Sicke, and Assistant General Manager Cadaret participated in the closed session item and that there was nothing to report.

12. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

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Mary Kimball, Chair

ATTEST:

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Kristin Sicke, Secretary

YOLO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: November 3, 2026 ITEM #: 4

SUBJECT: Presentation: Update on the Yolo-Zamora Area

INITIATED OR [ ] BOARD
REQUESTED BY: [X] STAFF
[ ] OTHER _____

COORDINATED OR
PREPARED BY: Kristin Sicke
APPROVED BY: Kristin Sicke

ATTACHMENT [ ] YES [X] NO
[ ] DIRECTION

[X] INFORMATION
[ ] ACTION: [ ] MOTION
[ ] RESOLUTION

BACKGROUND:
District staff will provide an update on recent outreach activities with landowners in the Yolo-Zamora area.

RECOMMENDATION:
This agenda item is for informational purposes only. No Board action is required.

YOLO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: November 3, 2026 ITEM #: 5

SUBJECT: Presentation: Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency (YSGA) Update

INITIATED OR REQUESTED BY: [ ] BOARD [X] STAFF [ ] OTHER _____

COORDINATED OR PREPARED BY: Kristin Sicke
APPROVED BY: Kristin Sicke

ATTACHMENT [ ] YES [X] NO [ ] DIRECTION

[X] INFORMATION
[ ] ACTION: [ ] MOTION [ ] RESOLUTION

BACKGROUND:
District staff and the Board's representatives to the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency (YSGA) will provide an update on the YSGA's activities, including SGMA implementation grant projects.

RECOMMENDATION:
This agenda item is for informational purposes only. No Board action is required.